

Minutes

NPA Safety and Health Teleconference

4/14/01

Attendees:

Bonnie King, Area Office
Gene Life, Miles City
Gregg Hunt, Laramie
Jackie Couture, Sidney
Alvin Harding, Lincoln
JoAnne Gresens, Manhattan

Dave Allard, Grand Forks
Ron Wien, Fargo
Glen Uhler, Akron
Terrie Wierenga, Logan
Glen Becker, Clay Center

Review of Last Month's Telecon Minutes (JoAnne):

- Bonnie added the names of Ken Rojas and Becky Wald to the list of attendees.

Thank you (Bonnie):

- Bonnie thanked Ron Wein for presenting the Ergonomics Program to the CEPS telecon. It was very well received and other locations nationwide are implementing it.

Industrial Hygiene Baseline Survey (Alvin):

- Alvin stated that the intent of the baseline survey is to identify all potentially hazardous chemicals and processes. In performing the baseline do not attempt to determine if the amount used would cause significant exposure. If it is a chemical of concern (i.e., methylene chloride, sulfuric acid, etc.) it needs to be identified. The process of evaluating information collected will be a separate stage.

Implementation Program Teams Progress Reports (Bonnie):

- The programs developed by the Air Quality, Respiratory and Noise Teams have all been approved and signed by Ms. Street and Dr. Blackburn. The Ergonomics package should be reviewed by them within the next few weeks.

Worker Compensation Program Centralization (Bonnie):

- NPA is the first area to undergo centralization which should take place sometime in June.

OSHA Record Keeping Standard (Bonnie):

- Bonnie has been inquiring to see if there is any way the present timekeeping system can easily come up with information regarding total number of hours worked, but hasn't been able to come up with anything. Noted that perhaps the new (FFIS) system will have something in place.
- Alvin noted that the standard is being challenged.

Safety Performance Standards for CDSOs (Bonnie):

- Bonnie has updated performance standards for anyone to reference. They are posted on our website.

Individual Development Plans (Bonnie):

- Bonnie noted that with the centralization of OWCP, Workers Comp Specialist training might be better replaced with something more directly related to safety. The OSHA 501 Course is an excellent choice. Also, the NPA Safety Conference to be held tentatively in November of this year would be a good one.
- The IDP form is on our website and can be filled online and printed out.

OMSP CDs (Bonnie):

- Bonnie wanted to know how many locations had implemented the use of the new database and CD and reminded us that it was posted on the NPA website.
- Lee Wolgowski will be giving a presentation at the nationwide LAO conference which should help encourage implementation.

Next Teleconference:

- May 9, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. MST